

Ask, Seek, Knock

Matthew 7:7-11

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The Big-Idea: Let's boldly persist in prayer before our good Father.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:7-11 (English Standard Version)

Biblical Examples of Persistence:

Luke 11:5-8

Luke 18:1-8

TIPS:

- What do you want?

Experiment: Pray for something for 14 days and see what happens.

- Giver of bread or stones?

Experiment: Take 30 minutes to explore your relationship with your father and how that shapes how you see God the Father.

- Find your time.

Experiment: Try four different times to pray this week. Which works better?

- Prayer at Lighthouse

Experiment: Start praying with other Lighthouse people who are committed to prayer.